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SUBJECT: SOVIET EMIGRATION IN JULY 1978

1. ISRAELI EMBASSY WASHINGTON INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT 1,899 SOVIET EMIGRANTS WHO LEFT THE USSR WITH EXIT VISAS FOR ISRAEL ARRIVED IN VIENNA DURING JULY, BRINGING THE 1978 CUMULATIVE TOTAL TO 13,389. CUMULATIVE 1977 TOTAL THROUGH JULY WAS 8,308.

2. ISRAELI EMBASSY ALSO REPORTED THAT DURING JULY 1,085 (57 PERCENT) "DROPPED OUT" OF ISRAELI PIPELINE TO APPLY TO RESETTLE IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. THE JULY ARRIVALS FIGURE OF 1,899 IS BELOW THE JUNE
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FIGURE OF 1,983 AND IS THE LOWEST MONTHLY FIGURE SINCE FEBRUARY. HOWEVER, THE DECLINE IS TOO SMALL TO LABEL IT A DOWNWARD TREND. IT IS STILL CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN THE JULY FIGURES IN 1977 (1,305) AND 1976 (823).

4. VIENNA ARRIVAL FIGURES, OF COURSE, REFLECT THE EMIGRATION OF PERSONS WHO RECEIVED THEIR EXIT VISAS A FEW WEEKS

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PREVIOUSLY, AND WHOSE CASES WERE PRESUMABLY DECIDED BY THE OVIR'S WEEKS BEFORE THAT. THUS, FOR A MORE CURRENT INDICATION OF CURRENT SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRATION TRENDS WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIPT OF YOUR REPORT OF JULY NETHERLANDS EMBASSY FIGURES. VANCE

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